

2020 Approved Work Plan

Each year, typically in late fall, Community Planning reviews the next year’s work plan with the Clark County Council. The goal is to focus limited resources on the community’s highest priorities, and to use those resources as efficiently as possible while creating the best chances for each effort to succeed. Planning projects are now located in two departments Community Planning and Public Works. The following tables provide a list of Land Use and Transportation ongoing planning projects, new projects, and deferred projects.

Ongoing Programs/Commissions

	Name/Description	Estimated Completion	Mandatory	Notes
1	<u>Planning Commission (PC)</u> - The PC consists of seven Clark County residents who advise the council on legislative policy related to land use; such as the preparation and revision of the Clark County 20-year Comprehensive Growth Management Plan and local land use regulations. The PC meets bi-monthly.	Ongoing	Chapter 35.63 RCW	Joint Land Use & Transportaton
2	<u>Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)</u> - The HPC consists of seven members who identify, evaluate, and protect historic and prehistoric resources. The HPC maintains the Clark County Heritage Register, reviews proposed design changes to properties on the Heritage Register and the downtown Vancouver Heritage Overlay zone, and provides opportunities for public participation in historic preservation activities. The HPC provides oversight of the Clark County Historic Promotion Grant. The HPC meets monthly.	Ongoing	National Historic Preservation Act 1966 54 U.S.C. § 3001 RCW 27.34.200	
3	<u>Shoreline Master Program (SMP)</u> - The county implements the state Shoreline Management Act through the Shoreline Master Program. The SMP is a set of local land use policies and regulations that guide the use of unincorporated Clark County shorelines. Community Planning teams with Community Development and Public Works on SMP monitoring and implementation.	Ongoing	RCW 90.58.080(4) RCW 36.70A.480 WAC 173-26-090	
4	<u>Buildable Lands Program and Plan Monitoring</u> - The Review & Evaluation Program, commonly referred to as the Buildable Lands Program, has been part of the state Growth Management Act (GMA) since 1997. Local governments monitor development density annually to determine whether a county and its cities are achieving urban densities sufficient to meet state growth projections and identify measures to correct the gap between growth and development assumptions. An updated Buildable Lands Report is due to Commerce by June 30, 2021 three years prior to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan periodic update.	Ongoing	RCW 36.70A.215	



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5	<u>City, County, and Tribe Coordination</u> – The county working in collaboration with its cities and tribe, provide continuous regional planning coordination emphasized in the GMA. The group meets quarterly outside of the periodic update cycle.	Ongoing	RCW 36.70A.100	Joint Land Use & Transportaton
6	<u>School Advisory Council (SAC)</u> - The Schools Advisory Council is spearheading a countywide conversation to develop a common understanding of local educational issues and recommend policy and legislative initiatives to foster excellent learning opportunities. The SAC meets bi-annually.	Ongoing		
7	<u>Commission on Aging (COA)</u> - The COA is a nine-member group tasked with managing the implementation of the 2012 Aging Readiness Plan. Its mission is to provide leadership and advocacy and increase community awareness and partnerships to move toward an age- friendly, livable community. The COA meets monthly and coordinates countywide issues with the county and its cities.	Ongoing		



Land Use Projects

	Name/Description	Estimated Completion	Mandatory	Notes
1	<u>2016 Comprehensive Plan 2015-2035 Appeal</u> - Continuous support to the Prosecuting Attorney's office, as needed.	Ongoing	RCW 36.70A.290	
2	<u>Buildable Lands Review and Evaluation Report</u> – On December 2018, Commerce provided an update or “guidelines” to the program. The county and its cities are identifying what’s changed and will recommend to council modifications to the program in order to comply with the new regulations. Following this program update, the next updated Buildable Lands Report will be completed and submitted to Commerce by June 30, 2021 - three years prior to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan periodic update.	June 2021	RCW 36.70A.215 (E2SSB 5254)	
3	<u>Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan</u> - The Management Plan establishes the primary management direction for the Gorge. Every 10 years a technical review is completed by the Columbia River Gorge Commission. The CRGNSA Management Plan is anticipated to be updated by August 2020. The county will have 270 days to adopt new Clark County Code amendments.	February 2021	Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act 16 U.S.C. § 544, Section 6(g)	
4	<u>Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Update</u> – The Shoreline Management Act requires a periodic review every 8 years to ensure that the SMP remains consistent with changes in laws and rules and is responsive to changed circumstances. The county will need to remedy issues found in the review and submit to Ecology by June 30, 2020.	June 2020	RCW 90.58.080(4) RCW 36.70A.480 WAC 173-26-090	
5	<u>Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP)</u> –The CWSP is a means by which the water service purveyors synchronize to the Comprehensive Plan growth targets and associated service boundaries. In addition, the CWSP is prepared to fulfill a number of regulatory requirements relating to the provision of water. The Public Water System Coordination Act, for example, requires a periodic review of the CWSP every 5 years. The CWSP is prepared by the Clark County Water Utility Coordination Committee and adopted by each jurisdiction.	February 2021	RCW 36.70A.070 RCW 90.54 RCW 70.116 WAC 173-527 WAC 173-528 WAC 173-590 WAC 248-56 WAC 246-293 SSB 6091	



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6	<u>Woodland UGA</u> – The City of Woodland requested an amendment to the countywide planning policies to allow for a Woodland UGA expansion into Clark County. This project is continued from 2019.	February 2021	Chapter 36.70A RCW	
7	<u>Cowlitz Tribe</u> - Recognition of the Cowlitz Tribe including comprehensive plan text, map and policy amendments. This project is continued from 2019.	February 2021	Chapter 36.70A RCW	
8	<p><u>Innovative Housing</u> – Continuation of innovative housing techniques to support a variety of housing types at different price points to support affordable housing and aging-in-place initiatives. This project will review recent legislation, review barriers and opportunities, and may include amending the Comprehensive Plan Housing Element, comprehensive plan and zoning maps, and Title 40.</p> <p>E2SHB 1923 – Parking limit senior/disabled/low-income E2SSB 5254 – Analysis/measurements/housing element ESSB 5383 – Allows tiny houses and villages in existing manufactured home parks. Building code by end of 2019. HB1085 – Single-family detached minimum floor area SHB 1377 – Density bonus for single-family and multi-family on property owned by qualifying religious organizations. The housing must be for low income households. SHB 1798 – Short-term rentals SHB 2538 – Impact fees on emergency housing TSHB 2382 – State owned surplus land for housing – county may get land</p>	June 2021	RCW 36.70A.215 (E2SHB 1923) (E2SSB 5254) (ESSB 5383) (HB 1085) (SHB 1377) (SHB 1798) (SHB 2538) (TSHB 2382)	



Land Use Work Plan Items

	Name/Description	Estimated Completion	Mandatory	Notes
1	<u>Annual Reviews</u> – Comprehensive plan site specific amendments. The items are considered on at least an annual basis consistent with RCW 36.70A.130. Anticipating 6-8 annual reviews.	February 2021	RCW36.70A.470(2)	Joint Land Use & Transportaton
2	<u>Docket Program Amendments</u> – Comprehensive plan or development regulation amendments. The items are “docketed” and considered on at least an annual basis consistent with RCW 36.70A.130. <u>Docket Request</u> - Reach Community Development, Inc. is requesting council grant a “docket” amendment instead of following the annual review process to rezone three parcels (104600000, 104530040, 104530004) from NC to OR-22 to make affordable housing more available (see letter submitted 12/7/18).	February 2021	RCW 36.70A.470(2) CCC 40.560.030	Joint Land Use & Transportaton
3	<u>HEMP</u> – The Federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 changed certain federal authorities relating to producing and marketing hemp. These changes include allowing hemp cultivation with certain regulations and removing hemp from the Federal Controlled Substances Act. Under ESSSB 5276, the state Dept. of Agriculture Industrial Hemp Harvest Inspection Program (IHRP) will transition from the Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program to implementation of a commercial “Hemp” program. As such, hemp is considered an agricultural commodity. Title 40 amendments to clarify which zones, if any, hemp cultivation will be allowed as agricultural uses are allowed in all zones.	August 2020	RCW 69.50 RCW 15.120 (ESSSB 5276)	
4	<u>Title 40 Amendments</u> , as needed.	February 2021		This may be included in the bi-annual code amendments
5	<u>A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)</u> - FIRM is published by FEMA to show different degrees of risk which helps determine the cost of flood insurance. FEMA studies statistical data on river flow, storm tides, rainfall and topographic surveys to create the FIRM. Periodically, FEMA sends the county an updated FIRM. The county assists FEMA in notifying affected property owners and will have six months from the issuance of a FEMA letter of final determination to adopt the new FIRM.	2020	Emergency Management and Assistance 44 U.S.C. § 65	
6	<u>School District Six-Year CFP and associated School Impact Fees</u> : The following schools are scheduled to update their school CFP in 2020: Ridgefield, Vancouver, Camas, Washougal, Green Mountain, Battle Ground	February 2021	Title 40.620.030 RCW 36.70A.070 CCC 40.560.010(M)	



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7	<u>Countywide Planning Policy (CWPP)</u> – Amend the CWPPs to add a policy outlining the process to amend/add to the CWPPs.	February 2021	RCW 36.70A.210	



Ongoing Transportation Programs/Commissions

	Name/Description	Estimated Duration	Mandatory	Notes
1	<u>Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee</u> – Transportation planners provide support to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) which implements the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The BPAC advises the county and participating other government staff on matters involving bicycle and pedestrian transportation; providing policy recommendations to council.	Ongoing	RCW 36.70A.070	
2	<u>Developer Agreement (if necessary)</u> - This work plan item is a placeholder for any developer's agreements that may come forward in 2020. Development agreements would be processed according to the procedures required by CCC 40.550.030 (if adopted in 2019).	Ongoing	CCC 40.550.030	
3	<u>Arterial Atlas</u> – A supporting document to the Comprehensive Plan that guides roadway system development to fulfill the objectives of the plan and provide regional circulation.	Ongoing	RCW 36.70A.070	
4	<u>Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)</u> – Clark County's transportation CFP serves as a 20-year transportation plan that identifies the capital projects needed to serve the forecasted population and economic development. The projects identified in the CFP address existing capital deficiencies, maintain existing capacity, are necessary for development, enhance the quality of life in the community, or meet other needs. The CFP is directly linked to the Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) Program. Any amendments made to the CFP would be reflected in revised TIF rates.	Ongoing	RCW 36.70A.070	
5	<u>Circulation Plans</u> – A detailed plan for multi-modal; pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular movement in a defined planning area. The circulation plan establishes a comprehensive approach to transportation planning.	Ongoing		
6	<u>Neighborhood Plans</u> – Similar to a circulation plan, a neighborhood circulation plan provides a localized smaller area; evaluating the local streets and connectivity to services and commerce.	Ongoing		
7	<u>Traffic Impact Fees Program</u>	Ongoing		



Transportation Work Plan Items

	Name/Description	Estimated Completion	Mandatory	Notes
1	<u>Transportation System Plan (TSP)</u> - Develop a TSP to implement the Community Framework Plan and Comprehensive Plan transportation policies. The TSP will provide a framework to guide transportation investments over the next 20 years or more in accordance with county policies. It will be developed through a robust, equitable, and collaborative process with stakeholders and the community. The goal of the TSP is to help improve safety, mobility, and quality of life for residents and businesses. It will include both short- and long-range strategies with specific program, policy, and project recommendations to create an integrated multimodal transportation system that facilitates the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, accommodates anticipated growth, and is environmentally and fiscally sustainable.	December 2022		
2	<u>Road Standards to include Roundabouts</u> - Develop new street classification and intersection designs in the County Road Standards. Designate street corridors to apply the new classification in the Arterial Atlas. Possibly a multi-year effort.	February 2021		
3	<u>Capital Project System Scoping</u> - Public Works would like to scope the projects in the 20-year CFP to determine a more accurate cost assignment and project locations. As transportation projects advance in priority from the 20-year plan to the 6-year TIP, Public Works would like to refine the cost estimates before submitting projects for grant applications. If the scoping determines that costs or project location adjustments are needed, the CFP must be amended to reflect the adjustments.	February 2021		
4	<u>Clark County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update</u> – Public Works Parks staff is tasked with completing the park plan update. The Parks Advisory Board has recently formed a subcommittee to evaluate park standards and implementing Park Impact Fee credits. This work will be incorporated into the update. Once the plan is completed, it follows the Type IV adoption process for council approval.	February 2021		



Deferred Projects

	Name/Description	Estimated Duration	Mandatory	Notes
1	<u>County Agricultural Economic Assessment</u> – In February 2018, council placed this project on hold. Planning was originally tasked with assisting the County Manager’s office to analyze agricultural economic issues.			On HOLD
2	<u>Freight Rail Dependent Use Overlay</u> – In September 2018, council placed this project on hold. Title 40 amendments can occur at any time. Map and policy amendments can only be amended on the annual cycle. Amendments to the Arterial Atlas may also be required.			On HOLD Joint Land Use & Transportaton
3	<u>Capital Facility Financial Plan</u> - Amend the Comprehensive Plan Chapter 6, Exhibit E and G to reflect the funding needs identified by the Correction Facility Advisory Commission.			On HOLD

